

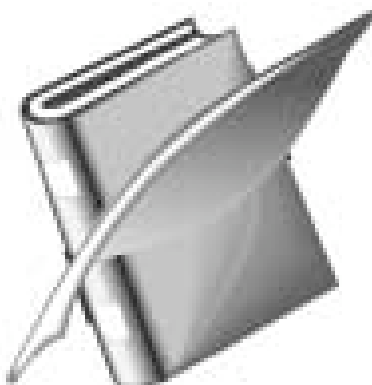


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## PNs and DKs become Personnel Specialists (PS)

As part of its Human Capital Strategy, the Navy announced plans in January to merge the personnelman (PN) and disbursing clerk (DK) ratings into a new rating: personnel specialist (PS).

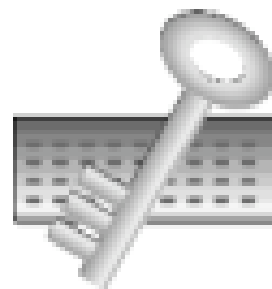


This merger will be automatic for PN- and DK-rated Sailors, and will occur Oct. 1.

Current and planned advances in shipboard pay and personnel practices and technology have created efficiencies that led to consolidating the two ratings, personnel officials noted. The merger will allow all aspects of pay and personnel services aboard fleet units and numerous shore stations to be performed by the new PS rating.

The current PN rating badge of crossed manual and quill will be worn by all personnel specialists once the merger is complete. Sailors in the DK rating must switch to the personnel specialist rating badge by Oct. 1. However, those DKs transferring to fleet reserve or the retired list by Sept. 30, 2007, have the option of retaining the DK rating badge.

Selective reenlistment bonus and special duty assignment pay for applicable personnelmen and disbursing clerks will continue to be paid after conversion is complete.



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